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The airport at Okęcie-Warsaw consists of the following:

Runways: Length - 1,800 meters. Width - 60 meters.
Length - 1,740 meters. Width - 40 meters.

Runways (side-tracks): 6,000 meters in length.

Concrete ground surfaces: For 15 planes;
For loading and fueling planes.

Fuel Tanks: Capacity of 1,600,000 liters.

Buildings: 10,000 cu. m.

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The airfield at Elbląg (Elbing) is used, as far as could be observed, by both the Polish and the Soviet Air Forces. About 150 aircraft were seen in the dispersal areas but they could not be approached closely enough to permit identification by type. The field is now suitable for night landings, since the perimeter and airfield lighting has recently been restored to working order. Eight searchlight positions, all manned, were seen around the field, but no anti-aircraft positions were observed.

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The Seventh Air Force Regiment at Poznań, commanded by Colonel Pniowski, has approximately thirty aircraft of the so-called "Peszki" type. These are two-engined bombers capable of carrying a bomb load of 400 kilograms. They are very difficult and dangerous to pilot. The officers of this regiment are mostly pre-war NCOs or youths.

Comment: The "Peszki" aircraft is not known, but the name may be a local nickname for a certain type the designation of which begins with a "pn".) 50X1-HUM

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